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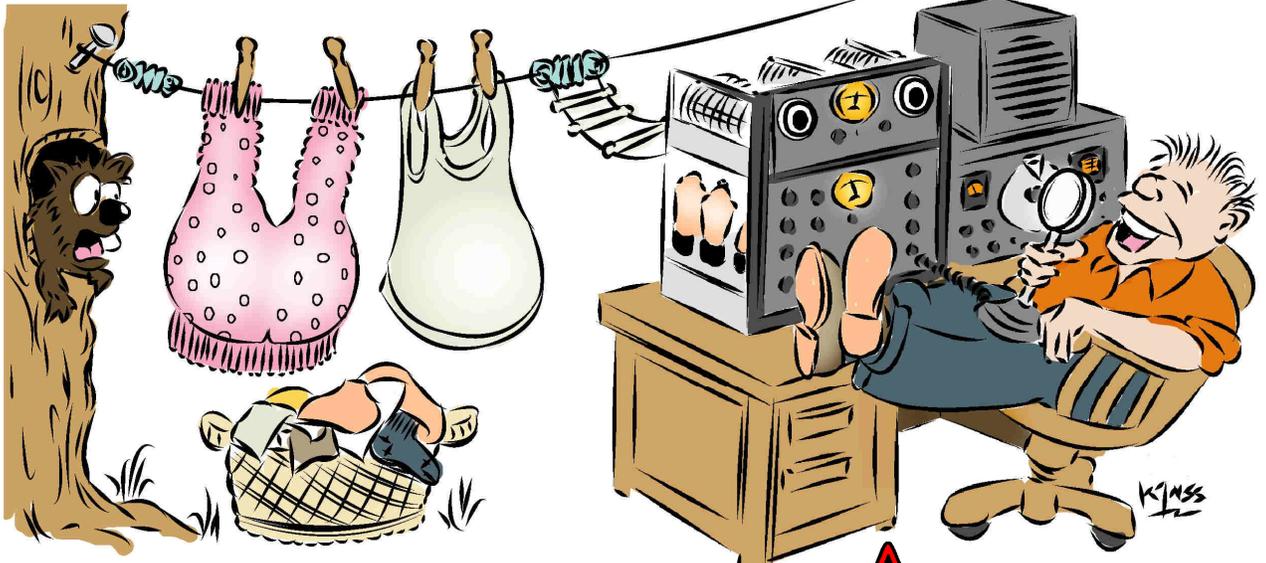


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Next Monthly Meeting: Thursday, May 1st, 2025

The next scheduled meeting of the WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS, INC. will be on **Thursday, May 1st, 2025**, starting at 7 PM, at the **ST. CLAIR HEALTH OUTPATIENT CENTER VILLAGE SQUARE CONFERENCE ROOM**, 2000 Oxford Drive, Bethel Park PA 15102, adjacent to Village Square Mall, across from South Hills Village Mall, just off US Route 19.

Meeting topics include Field Day 2025, other plans for 2025, and more to come. We are also scheduled for a "tech talk" by Glen KE6FD.

*Cover: Two views from the 2025 Two Rivers ARC Hamfest. More pictures inside!
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St. Johns, VI	NP2SH / B	28.276 MHz	Propagation Beacon
Canonsburg	N3SH	144.390 MHz	APRS Digipeater

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WASH Amateur Radio Club News Briefs

Next WASH VE Test TBD

The Next WASH VE exam session will be on **February 23rd, 2025, 10:00 AM**, at **Economics Building, South Buffalo Drive, South Park Township, WASHFest 2025**. Talk-in on the MHz repeater. All examiners are VEC affiliated.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. taken on a available

If you plan on session, please Grant Olson olson.net

Please bring the Picture ID or other required)

TESTSESSIONS FOR THE REST OF 2025 TO BE SCHEDULED

Sunday, the Home Park, 3735 during 146.955 ARRL

Walk-ins space/time basis.

attending the test contact VE Team Liason KC3MLC:kgo@grant-

following to your test session: suitable identification (2 forms of ID

A Few Words



First, let me remind everybody that we will meet on Thursday, May 1st, at the usual location. Let me assure all of you that there will be pizza at the meeting! In addition, please sign up for the areas where you can provide assistance for Field Day.

In addition, I would like to remind everyone that the Pittsburgh marathon is May 4th. I will be there representing the club operating from the medical tent. If any of you can provide assistance to Bob NU3Q please contact him regarding your availability. Bob will be at our meeting on Thursday so you can speak with him then directly if he needs any last-minute assistance

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on Thursday.

— 73, Tom Galante KB3NIX
President, WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS, Inc.
N3SH / WA3SH / NP2SH

Congratulations to Jim Sanford WB4GCS, who has announced that he will be officially retiring from the workforce September 1st.

May you finally have time to work on all of the projects that have piled up on you over the last few years!

Reminder:

The May WASH Meeting will be at The St. Clair Health Outpatient Center Village Square in Bethel Park! Meeting begins at 7 PM.

Saturday, April 25th was a cool, crisp Spring morning. What better time for the **WASH Breakfast Gang** to get together at the **McMURRAY EAT'N PARK, 3380 WASHINGTON ROAD**. This month's gathering included N3DFK, K3SGT and Barb, KB3NIX, N3FB, KB3GMU, WB4GCS, KC4WTT, N3IDH and Gerry, NY9H and W3WN. Discussions revolved around China built power supplies, getting HT batteries, aging puppies, bringing industry back, placing in-laws in senior care facilities, remembering back when weekend airfare was cheap, Swan 350 and 250 memories, uBITX, xBITX, and sBITX rigs from India, Echolink challenges with a Raspberry Pi, Windows 11. Office 365, "can't fix the concrete, but stop the roots", "I'd really like to be in your meeting, corporate people, but I'd rather have a needle in my eye", "I will never buy an iPhone!"... and that's just what we noted from our end of the table!

Memorial Day weekend is coming up before you know it, which is NOT the last Saturday of the month this year! So what better way to kick off the unofficial first weekend of the summer than to join us for the next time, Saturday, May 31st, 8 AM, back at the **McMURRAY EAT'N PARK, 3380 WASHINGTON ROAD**. See you there!

So we've got "the usual" events for this time of year coming up,

Field Day planning is well underway. It seems like it's a ways off, but really, there's only two more club meetings between now and then. Time to think about what you can do to help — set up, operate, tear down, greet the public, schmooze, you know. So please, let the FD chairs know what you'll be able to do. And remember, ALL are welcome to come down, operate, and enjoy the event. Even those who haven't joined up or renewed yet!

Of course, before FD is the annual **Breezeshooter's Hamfest** up in Butler at the beginning of June. We do plan to have the annual picnic, which we had to forgo last year due to unexpected circumstances (Ye Editor promises that there will be no new airlines launching that weekend, so he has been promised). It's traditionally the largest WPA hamfest of the year, so if you can only make one (besides **WASHfest**, of course!) this is the one to plan on.

Who's going to **Hamvention** this month? Ye Editor is really looking forward to it, having missed last year due to work, and the year before due to a knee injury. Can't wait to see the new gear, old friends, and the usual suspects (and the usual fine junque) in the flea market!

Don't forget about the **Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix** coming up in July! Hope to have more on that in the next newsletter. (That's a hint, Corky!)

On a final note this month... Amy Cicak, better known to most of us as Created by Amy, let us know at the Two Rivers Hamfest that she's in the process of expanding her offerings. She showed us the sample picture to the right as one example... and then presented it to us to donate to a club member who'd really like this for a member of their family (baby, of course! We'll skip the obvious wisecrack here!) Ye Editor will be bringing it to the next meeting, so if anyone is interested in obtaining a little free promotion for the club, please let him know.

And, of course, our thanks to Amy for both the donation and all the great stuff she's done for members of our club and many other clubs over the years. You can reach her createdbyamy1@gmail.com or 412-398-8833



Join WASH or Renew your Membership Today! Membership Application on Page 13

Minutes, April 3rd Meeting

Nathan Suehr KC3GMM, Vice President / Secretary, WASH

Call to Order: 19:07.

Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence for Silent Keys and others deserving.

Roll Call. 17 Members, 1 Guest Present

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Mark (N3RDV) Financial report provided electronically by Mark (N3RDV) and read by Nathan (KC3GMM). Motion to accept by Frank (N3FB) with second by Harold (K3HCR). Voted and carried.

Secretary: Nathan (KC3GMM): Correction to last month's minutes published in the WASHRag.: The minutes read:

Jim (WB4GCS) - Frank has swapped controllers and is in the process of working on minor issues. The controller was replaced in November of 2024. Most of the noticeable minor issues have been corrected I continue to work on finer details.

Motion to accept the secretary report by Bill (W3WH) with second by Harold (K3HCR). Voted and carried.

Repeaters:

- ◆ Frank (N3FB) - Repeating. Still need to visit the repeater sites and work on little things. Nothing outstanding.
- ◆ Tom (KB3NIX) - We did approve battery purchase last meeting. Feel free to replace batteries at your convenience.

WASHnet: No report.

Thursday night tech talk: Glen (KE7FD) - Will give brief talk about velocity factor in coax cable at the end of the meeting. If anybody would like to hear more, perhaps we could schedule a more detailed tech talk

Public service: Bob (NU3Q) — This coming Saturday is the SET drill. Info is on club reflector. All of PA is participating. Net control for Allegheny County is operating from Steel City. Feel free to stop at Steel City to see in person. Time is 10AM - 12PM. Need help for Pittsburg Marathon from somebody with a radio in their car to transport people from the North Shore to Pittsburg. Also need someone to shadow a doctor and a few folks to work aid stations. Email nu3q@nu3q.us if available to help. Picnic at South Shore, Moraine State Park.

Newsletter: Tom (KB3NIX) –

- ◆ WASHRag is out!
- ◆ ARRL is supposed to have published materials available for clubs for Field Day. Finally spoke with somebody and they do not have the materials yet. They promised to follow up with public relations folks and get back to him and hadn't replied. Tom is going to follow up with them again..

VE: Tom (KB3NIX) - Nothing scheduled yet. Glen mentioned offering technician classes. Will discuss further in new business.

Ways & Means: Carol (KB3GMN): No report.

Contests: Field Day: Tom (KB3NIX) - Not too early to start reaching out and promoting Field Day. We only have May and June meetings before Field Day to plan. Carol is handling food. Big things that need done are to collect lead folks to manage items that need done. Nathan (KC3GMM) will put together Google signup sheet for volunteers. Teams will be Setup/Teardown, Radios, Software, and Food.

- ◆ Glen (KE7FD) - Suggest creating signup sheet for folks that will operate.
- ◆ Frank (N3FB) - Teams from last year: Antenna group, transport team, safety and security team (bonus points), shelter team, power team, media and publicity, food, scoring, radio group. Need to start thinking about who will provide radios.
- ◆ Nathan (KC3GMM) - Letter for overnight permission sent today (4/3)

New Business:

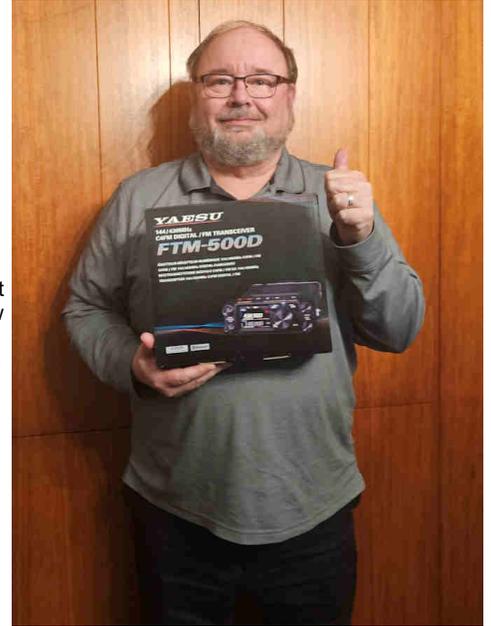
- ◆ Cathy (WA3VXM) - At Westmoreland hamfest, tickets were 7 for \$20 instead of 7 for \$10. Suggest putting field for email address on tickets so we can send out an email the following year promoting the hamfest.
- ◆ Bob (NU3Q) - Requesting permission for 442.55 repeater for Marathon.
- ◆ Frank (N3FB) - Try it first.

Old Business:

- ◆ Tom (KB3NIX) - Thanks to Dave (N3DFK) for his work on Echolink. Has been testing and we're not quite ready but we're close. Audio sounded pretty good when testing on Echolink test server. More testing to be done.
- ◆ Dave (N3DFK) - Need club license certificate. Going to put together some documentation on how to use Echolink. Also has a Powerpoint and may present as a tech talk.
- ◆ Bob (NU3Q) - Make sure the license copy says

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WASH Spotlight: K3AIR



Mike K3AIR won second prize, a Yaesu FTM-500D at this year's Two Rivers ARC Hamfest.

Mike has let us know that he will be putting the new rig to good use!

Photo courtesy of and © Copyright 2925 Mike Lazaroff K3AIR

Every month we're going to try to feature a **WASH** club member, something about them, something they're involved in or a club-related activity that we're involved in, in the **WASH Spotlight**.

Submissions for the Spotlight should be sent to Ron W3WN at [newsletter at n3sh dot org](mailto:newsletter@n3sh.org)

Monthly WASH Breakfast



Please join us for the next **WASH** Breakfast! We usually get together on the LAST Saturday of every month for a chance to informally sit down, shoot the breeze, compare notes, drink lots of coffee, and just have a good time!

Join us this month at **Eat'n Park**, 3380 Washington Road (US 19), McMurray. Start time is about 8 AM until ????. Monitor 146.955 & 443.659 for talk-in or any last minute changes.

All are welcome, **WASH** members or not, amateurs or not!

Wireless Association of South Hills Membership

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AE3DL	KE7FD	W3WN	NØPEU	N3YPB	
K3GW	N3DFK	W8LEV	WASH OH	WASH TX	
K3OCT	N3FB	WA2YEZ	N8DPW	NB3C	
K3VX	N3IDH	WA3PYU	WASH OR	KB3IJX	
K6DWR	N3LV	WA3VSS	KB3NVL	Jane Wagner	
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KB3GMN	N3RDG	Charmel	NØVLR	NP2JF	
KB3GMU	N3RDV	Spirk	WASH SC		
KB3GUZ	N3SBF		N8NEU		
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KB3NIX	N3UE				
KB3YCX	NB3C				
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If your call should be listed here & isn't, please contact Mark N3RDV

Through April 27th, 2025
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Mark Stabryla N3RDV, Vice President/Treasurer

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- AC4KU
- AD3Q
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- K3LIE
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- KB3FQT
- KB3JHQ
- N3BPB
- N3CZZ
- N3FZ
- N3HKQ
- N3KEH
- N3OBD
- N3RNX
- N3SKR
- N3SRC
- N3ZEL
- N3XFE
- W3ZLK
- W4ZE
- WA3JPP

2025 WASH Upcoming Events Calendar

Club Meetings & Other Significant Events — Subject to Change

May 1 st	WASH Meeting	St. Clair Health Outpatient Center Village Square Conference Room, 2000 Oxford Drive
May 4 th	2025 Pittsburgh Marathon	https://www.thepittsburghmarathon.com/
May 16 th — 18 th	Hamvention 2025	Greene County Fair & Expo Center, 210 Fairground Road, Xenia, OH 45385
May 24 th — 25 th	CQ WPX CW Contest	https://www.cqwp.com/
May 31 st — June 15 th	Lewis & Clark Trail On The Air	https://lctota.org/
June 5 th	WASH Meeting	St. Clair Health Outpatient Center Village Square Conference Room, 2000 Oxford Drive
June 8 th	Breezeshooter's Hamfest 2025	Butler Farm Show Grounds, 625 Evans City Road (PA Route 68) Butler PA 16001
June 28 th — 29 th	ARRL Field Day	www.arrl.org
July 3 rd	WASH Meeting	St. Clair Health Outpatient Center Village Square Conference Room, 2000 Oxford Drive
July 19 th — 20 th	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix	https://pvgp.org/
August 7 th	WASH Meeting	St. Clair Health Outpatient Center Village Square Conference Room, 2000 Oxford Drive
August 9 th	75 th Annual W3PIE Gabfest	W3PIE Clubhouse, 433 Old Pittsburgh Road, Uniontown PA 15401
August 24 th	Skyview Radio Society Swap & Shop	K3MJW Clubhouse, 2335 Turkey Ridge Road, New Kensington, PA 15068
September 4 th	WASH Meeting	St. Clair Health Outpatient Center Village Square Conference Room, 2000 Oxford Drive
September 7 th	Butler County ARA Swapfest	Unionville Fire Department, 102 Mahood Road (Pa Route 8), Butler PA 16001
October 2 nd	WASH Meeting	St. Clair Health Outpatient Center Village Square Conference Room, 2000 Oxford Drive
October 4 th — 5 th	60 th California QSO Party	https://www.cqp.org
October 11 th — 12 th	69 th Pennsylvania QSO Party	https://paqso.org
October 25 th — 26 th	CQ World Wide DX Contest Phone	https://cqww.com
November 1 st — 3 rd	ARRL Sweepstakes CW	http://www.arrl.org
November 6 th	WASH Meeting	St. Clair Health Outpatient Center Village Square Conference Room, 2000 Oxford Drive
November 15 th — 17 th	ARRL Sweepstakes Phone	http://www.arrl.org
December 4 th	WASH Meeting	St. Clair Health Outpatient Center Village Square Conference Room, 2000 Oxford Drive

"Seen" at the Two Rivers ARC Hamfest

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Heritage Amateur Radio Hall of Fame 2025

Thomas P.
Roscoe K8CX

Brookfield, OH, April 26th, 2025 – The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame was created in 2001 and controlled by Richard Ross K2MGA (sk) and Rich Moseson W2VU of CQ Magazine fame. CQ Magazine has discontinued but the Heritage CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame will continue to honor select qualified individuals. Hamgallery will be the new steward of this award with blessing from Cathy Ross (wife of K2MGA) and Rich W2VU. It will be controlled and reviewed by a select and diverse group of amateurs. The complete list can be seen at <https://hamgallery.com/HOF/AmateurRadio/>.

The 2025 inductees to this prestigious award are as follows:

WA3FET, Prof. Jim Breakall. Dr. Breakall's work has been instrumental in Amateur Radio antenna technology development for decades. He has teamed with many experts in the field to develop state-of-the-art advancements with a wide range of applications, including the Numerical Electromagnetic Code (NEC). As a professor of electrical engineering at Penn State University from 1989 to 2022, Dr. Breakall (WA3FET) developed cutting edge antenna technology and mentored his students in Amateur Radio, resulting in 700 new licensees. Now a retired Professor Emeritus, he serves as a consultant to the Army, Air Force, and Navy on many antenna related projects. Using a package designed with his students called NECOPT, he invented the Optimized Wideband Antenna (OWA) Yagi. These OWA Yagi designs have been used in numerous contest and DX stations around the world. Because he wanted this technology to be readily available worldwide, he never pursued patent licensing. He also was the first to use helicopter measurements and Geometrical Theory of Diffraction (GTD) techniques for antennas in terrain at HF that left to software such as TA and HFTA. In 2010, Dr. Breakall in conjunction with Joe Taylor (K1JT), Angel Vazquez (WP3R) and Pedro Piza, Jr. (NP4A) collaborated to use the Arecibo 1000 ft dish to do moonbounce (EME). He worked on many antenna designs at Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico and at the HAARP facility in Alaska. Dr. Breakall has been a frequent forum presenter at the Dayton Hamvention sharing his expertise on antenna design and enthusiasm for Amateur Radio.

As an avid Amateur Radio contester, Dr. Breakall has built contest stations in Pennsylvania and Puerto Rico and participated in over 100 contests, winning a fair amount of them. Dr. Breakall has authored numerous peer-reviewed scientific articles and books. He is an IEEE Life Fellow, a Radio Club of America (RCA) Fellow, and has been awarded the Sarnoff Award, the Dr Ulrich L. Rohde Technical Award, at the RCA, and the Technical Achievement Award at the Dayton Hamvention.

WP3R, Angel M. Vazquez. Angel graduated from CUNY, Brooklyn campus. Worked at WNYC as a radio engineer before moving back to Arecibo and taking a job at the Arecibo Observatory in 1977. Angel worked in telescope operations then headed the IT support team. He accepted the position as Head of Telescope Operations and Puerto Rico Coordination Zone Spectrum Manger. Has been a Volunteer Examiner (VE) for 25 years and started the first Virtual/online Bi-Lingual testing program as part of GLAARG VEC (Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio Group) of which he is currently the group session manager. There has been well over 500 online VE testing sessions resulting in a couple thousand new radio amateurs. He headed the moonbounce effort from the Arecibo Observatory in April 2010 (QST cover August 2010) and multiple special event transmissions from the observatory Control Room using the KP4AO club call, of which he is the president and trustee. He has presented numerous talks on the Arecibo Observatory and his Amateur Radio experiences at the Dayton Hamvention Antenna Forums, RCA Speaker series, HamSci Conventions and multiple Amateur Radio Clubs around the world. He was awarded Puerto Rico Amateur of the Year in 2017.

Hurricane Maria left Puerto Rico in total darkness and loss of all cell and internet communications. Since his station survived, Angel provided emergency communications every day for 8 weeks for hundreds of families and first responders between Puerto Rico and the mainland. With the help of the WWROF, Angel delivered generators to needy ham families in Puerto Rico. These efforts earned him the Yasme Excellence Award in 2019. In 2021, Angel was the Dayton Hamvention Amateur of the Year. Angel currently is the Puerto Rico Coordination Zone Administrator, managed by the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) in a joint effort with the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

N6NB, Wayne Overbeck, Ph.D SK. Wayne was co-inventor of the Quagi antenna, which is part quad, part Yagi.

Wayne was active in amateur radio for over 68 years. He served four terms as Vice Director for the ARRL Southwestern Division, from 1984 to 1993, and was chairman of the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee during the 1970's, as well as an ARRL Life Member. "As K6YNB, Wayne began mountain-topping on both the west and east coasts in a camper truck outfitted with radios, antennas, and amplifiers (known as the "Cabover Kilowatt") and, by 1980, had a dozen national first-place finishes in VHF+ contests, setting scoring records that were never broken under the pre-grid scoring system. Overbeck received the ARRL Technical Excellence Award in 1977. He received the John Chambers Memorial Award from the Central States VHF Society twice, first in 1978, and again in 2015. He was honored as Radio Amateur of the Year at the Dayton Hamvention® in 1980. Overbeck was an accomplished journalist, communications law professor, lawyer, real estate broker, 20-year author of a widely-adopted textbook, pilot, sailor, cabin-builder, computer programmer, and amateur radio engineer.

Meeting Minutes

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"Official Copy" or they may reject it.

- ◆ Tom (KB3NIX) - Curtis has put some work into the web site. Per Curtis we may be missing some newsletters.
- ◆ Tom (KB3NIX) - Rick Bell is looking at the bylaws and determining if there are any updates needed and making sure that we are compliant in regard to our 501c3 status.
- ◆ Glen (KE7FD) - Suggest asking Tom's attorney friend if he would be able to help us in the future if we ever need legal help.
- ◆ Tom (KB3NIX) - Attorney is willing to look at our info and possible either help if need or refer us to another attorney.

Good of the order:

- ◆ Bill (W3WH) - Last month pizza was excellent. We should have pizza more often. Putting forth a motion to have pizza next month with second by Dan (N3LV). Voted and carried.
- ◆ Kathy (KA3VXM) - Enjoyed the summer picnic and suggest that we do it again.
- ◆ Harold (K3HCR) - Two Rivers Hamfest is this Sunday. Club has two tables that haven't been yet paid for and need somebody to represent the club and pay for the tables.
- ◆ Jim (WB4GCS) - Is going to the hamfest and will pay for the tables.
- ◆ Jim (WB4GCS) - Has an old copy of National Electrical Code if anybody would like it.
- ◆ Tom (KB3NIX) - If you haven't been to the monthly club breakfast, please check it out.

Motion to Adjourn by Bob (NU3Q), second by Harold (K3HCR). Voted and carried.

Adjourned at 7:53 PM 4/3/2025



RAC Will Not Attend Hamvention 2025

Allan Boyd VE3AJB/VE3EM,
President, Radio Amateurs of
Canada

Little Current, ON, April 8th, 2025 / avril 8th, 2025 – At its meeting on March 27th, 2025, the Board of Directors of Radio Amateurs of Canada voted unanimously to cancel RAC's plans to operate a booth at Hamvention (Dayton) in Xenia, Ohio in May. This decision was not taken lightly and was made with deep regret as our members and volunteers always look forward to attending this significant international event.

Lors de sa réunion du 27 mars 2025, le Conseil d'administration de Radio Amateurs du Canada a voté à l'unanimité l'annulation du projet de RAC de tenir un kiosque à la "Hamvention" (Dayton) organisée en mai à Xenia, en Ohio. Cette décision n'a pas été prise à la légère et a été rendue avec un profond regret, car nos membres et bénévoles ont toujours hâte d'assister à cet important événement international.

The relationship between Canada and the United States has become increasingly strained due to recent trade disputes and tariffs imposed by the US government. Adding to these challenges, controversial remarks from US leaders, including suggestions of Canada becoming the 51st state, have heightened concerns about Canadian sovereignty.

Les relations entre le Canada et les États-Unis sont de plus en plus tendues en raison des récents différends commerciaux et des tarifs douaniers imposés par le gouvernement américain. En plus de ces défis, les remarques controversées faites par divers dirigeants américains, au nombre desquelles les suggestions selon lesquelles le Canada deviendrait le 51^e État, ont accru les inquiétudes concernant la souveraineté canadienne.

For Canadians, these tensions have had tangible impacts and there has been a decline in cross-border travel and tourism.

Pour les Canadiens, ces tensions ont eu des répercussions tangibles et se sont notamment traduites par une réduction des voyages transfrontaliers et du tourisme.

It is a complex and evolving situation, but it is our hope that we will be able to return to Hamvention in future years and we hope that Canadian Amateurs who do attend the event will have a safe and enjoyable experience.

Il s'agit là d'une situation complexe et susceptible d'évoluer d'heure en heure, mais nous espérons que nous pourrions retourner à la "Hamvention" dans les années à venir, et que les amateurs canadiens qui assisteront à cet événement vivront une expérience agréable en toute sérénité.



National Amateur Radio Alliance

Mikel Turner W4OPS

Murfreesboro, TN, April 27th, 2025 — NARA serves as the central hub for amateur radio operators, focusing on four key areas: **resources, engagement, outreach, and advocacy.**

Our Goal is to establish the National Amateur Radio Alliance (NARA) as the leading resource center and advocate for the amateur radio community.

Our mission is to provide the tools, knowledge, and opportunities that enable operators to thrive while strengthening the bonds within the amateur radio world.

Our Vision is to foster a thriving, inclusive environment where individuals, clubs, and organizations can grow, connect, and engage. By empowering newly licensed operators and supporting active clubs, we envision a dynamic amateur radio community that is well-prepared, educated, and actively participating in shaping the future of the hobby.

Through a modern, collaborative environment, and with your help, we can connect, empower, and support individuals, clubs, and organizations. Amateur radio has long thrived on the traditions of mentorship, where experienced operators guide newcomers, passing down knowledge, skills, and a passion for the hobby. By creating opportunities for learning, mentorship, and growth, we bridge the gap between new and seasoned operators, ensuring a stronger, more united, and connected amateur radio community.

Do you share our vision? We need your support. Your membership strengthens the alliance and brings this vision to life.

The State of Amateur Radio Survey

We've officially launched the development phase of what we believe will be the most comprehensive survey of the amateur radio community. Over the past few weeks, Dustin, N8RMA, and I have been hard at work discussing the layout of the survey and carefully developing the questions to ensure we gather the most meaningful and actionable insights possible. Our goal is to collect data that can help shape the future of the hobby, covering a wide range of topics including licensing, club participation, operating habits, emerging trends, satisfaction with advocacy efforts, and much more.

As we move toward the official launch of the survey, we will be looking for beta testers to help ensure its effectiveness. If you are interested in becoming a beta tester or attending the survey development meetings, we invite you to join the dedicated channel on our Discord app. Your feedback and involvement would be invaluable as we fine-tune the survey before its release.

The Alfred Vail 20-20 Young Keyers Award

Although CW is no longer a requirement for obtaining a ham radio license, a new generation of talented young operators across the country are taking the initiative to master this timeless mode. Josiah, WD5JR (17), and Isaiah, KJ5CMP (13), are two of these exceptional individuals. During our visit to Claremore, we had the privilege of spending time with them and were truly amazed by their operating proficiency. Inspired by their passion and dedication, we are excited to introduce the Alfred Vail 20-20 Young Keyers Awards.

This award recognizes the commitment, skill, and remarkable achievements of young operators who are keeping Morse code alive and thriving. Operators under 20 who achieve a proficiency of 20wpm or greater are eligible to apply. A dedicated page and application process are in development and will be launched on the website soon!

Building Collaborations

We have recently reached out to the members of the American Legion Amateur Radio Club to explore an exciting potential collaboration. One idea we're excited about is organizing a special event focused on contacting American Legion amateur radio clubs across the country.

Similar to popular events like Museum Ships Weekend, Route 66 On the Air, and the 13 Colonies Special Event, this initiative would give operators a fun and meaningful reason to get on the air — while also highlighting the important work and branches of the American Legion. It would be a fantastic way to strengthen engagement between our communities and promote public awareness of both amateur radio and the American Legion.

Two of NARA's key focus areas are engagement and outreach: giving hams reasons to get on the air, fostering connections, and educating the public about the value and importance of amateur radio. We believe this event could be a powerful step forward in advancing those goals.

Club Locator Tool

Behind the scenes, we're making solid progress on our effort to list active amateur radio clubs on the NARA website. This resource will make it easier for individuals to find and connect with local clubs — and for clubs to expand their reach. Clubs will be able to manage their



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Time to Catch Up with League Happenings

Bob Famiglia
K3RF
Director, Atlantic
Division, ARRL

Media, PA, April 25th, 2025 – To the members of the ARRL Atlantic Division:

Members have asked when I may be speaking next at an ARRL event or meeting. I was pleased to speak at the Mt Airy VHF Radio Club, a/k/a Pack Rats, along with other League officials last week at their ARRL night program. However, it was not made available on Zoom or recorded and posted on other media as their meetings sometimes are. Moreover, I was asked at the last minute not to include ARRL hot button issues or address the new bylaws earlier passed and proposed for the July board meeting in my presentation for the evening, so I did not. Some of you inquired. I will try and plan a zoom session or club remote presentations in which other clubs and division members may be able to participate with questions and answers. I am aware of the concerns you have expressed.

In the meanwhile, as per my last message to the division, I am assessing the many member responses I received to formulate FAQ responses and plan additional Q&A presentations to answer your questions. I am also going to the Dayton Convention in three weeks, as I do virtually every year, and hope to see you there as well. I am scheduled to speak at the Law and Amateur Radio Forum as well as the ARRL member's forum to report on the HOA legislative effort. And as always, send me your questions by email or call if you prefer. My office knows that calls from hams are given priority. I will get back to you if I am not available when you call.

Media, PA, March 27th, 2025 – I am pleased to announce that, at last, our ARRL Atlantic Division membership email reflector has been restored. Many of you have asked me individually about happenings at our League. This is particularly true beginning last July's board meeting through to today. The ARRL email reflector system was shut down in May 2024 ostensibly for security and operational issues caused by the cyber hacking some weeks earlier. Since that time, I received hundreds of individual emails or phone calls requesting comment or explanations about new policies, bylaws and other controversial governance issues related to our League. Directors are not provided email lists for division members so I could not respond globally with answers to FAQs. Many of you were not aware. So, please bear with me as I catch you up on serious issues.

Those of you whom I have met with at club meetings or otherwise discussed my concerns with over the last 10 months regarding these matters already know that I do not agree with many recent major actions enacted by your ARRL Board of Directors. The social media newsletters and blogger essays on the subject have been replete with criticism over the direction our League has taken, most all of which I observe raise valid concerns. There is much to discuss, but the choice of direction for our League should always remain with the members - you - and not the chosen few on our board. Our decades-old directors workbook which is soon to become an enforceable bylaw component states "... you have been placed upon a pedestal in Amateur Radio. ..." Really? I hope not as that is no way to run our League. Members come first.

In these next few weeks, assuming my reflector access remains operational, I shall draft answers to FAQs some of you have shared personally with me. If you have specific questions about the last two board meetings and the latest controversial board elections, send them to me as well so I can gauge the need for answers to specific questions which may be of most concern to the most members. While I cannot easily answer many hundreds of emails one-on-one as I received before the January 2024 ARRL board meeting regarding bylaw changes, I can collect your concerns and fashion answers as to where I stand and why. You have a right to know where and why I vote as I do. I require guidance from you whom I represent. I believe directors of our League have a duty and obligation to represent the interest of the members foremost even outside their division. Others on our board do not and assert their undefined "corporate fiduciary obligations" ahead of their direct duty to the membership that send them to Newton in the first place.

I have also been asked if I can host a Zoom conference or presentation. I use Zoom frequently for meetings, but hosting a Q and A live program for some 12,000 plus Atlantic members may be a challenge if we want to do that live. Perhaps section by section, but that will be a difficult project as well with 7 sections in our Atlantic Division.

I wanted to let you know that the Atlantic Division "comms were down" so there was radio silence from me as far as mail traffic. Now, assuming the system stays up, I will be in touch and keep you informed. And for those of you that do stay on top of League governance and policy developments, thank you for your kind words, your support and comments. I have answered many personally as time permits. Remember, the League belongs to the members. The ARRL is a representative democracy - its members control its policies through the power of the ballot. A "representative democracy," is defined as "a type of democracy founded on the principle of elected officials representing a group of people..." See QST magazine, July 2018 - Second century essay by Shelley, Barry J., N1VXY ARRL CEO

This has been the operational understanding of our League since the founding of the ARRL by Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW. His writings on this subject are not hard to find. Lately the board has been instructed that this theory is not legally appropriate any more. It is an obsolete concept some League officials claim. I am quite certain that is entirely wrong.

You make League policy by the power of your ballot. In my view every director regardless of division has a duty to each member wherever they may be. One director argued in open board session that you, Atlantic division members, have no business knowing how he votes on an issue and hence, role call voting in place for years, except in narrowly defined categories is no longer appropriate when a director asks for it. Yet, the board seems to agree with me that every ARRL director, no matter where from, is subject to a fiduciary duty to you, our Atlantic division members, when he makes a decision on a vote. And I have an obligation to their members as well. How does one reconcile these different positions?

With recently adapted major changes to election policy in bylaw 18 passed January 2025, most directors (10 votes of 15 directors for passage) do not support that notion. Please read it yourself. It makes it virtually impossible to campaign for office by comparing yourself with any director running or criticizing them at all. Read it. I need to know what you think, because that is where my obligations to act lay. Fun fact, some of you objected to the new sweeping election rules bylaw passed in January after it was announced and demanded to know my position on it after I voted against it. My vote was published in the minutes. Are we low information voters? I suspect the bland League newsletter summaries propagated downplayed the significance or toted the new bylaw as advancing the governance of the League. Perhaps some were not paying close attention. Many accept the company line on voting initiatives. Members need to see for themselves and challenge their directors.

The most major change is yet to come this July with a vote to radically change the power to remove a director from the membership that elected them to a simple majority vote of the board. It is masquerading as an ethics code upgrade. It is over 100 pages of a single bylaw! There is no legal requirement to change the ethics codes we presently have and make it more complicated and subject to the whims of an E&E committee to interpret ambiguous provisions, but we are told we are out of compliance with IRS requirements. We are not. The required director loyalty statement to be required is complicated, not best practices and unnecessarily interferes with your rights to pick your director and have him or her answer to you and tell you the truth.

As a practicing lawyer for 46 years and spending considerable professional time helping volunteer emergency response companies and radio clubs with IRS applications for tax exemptions and corporate governance issues, I can tell you that the premise for the new bylaws are nonsense. Some of you watching all of this disingenuous board maneuvering over recent years have agreed with me as have reputable League members who are skilled in the law who write critically about this subject matter. As me for copies and I will send you the links. Such ethics "crackdown" was tried several times in the ten years or so I have held an ARRL board position. The membership had rejected it properly as unnecessary political maneuvering to eliminate pesky directors who blow the whistle on wasteful, misdirected and wrong decisions, then going public with their concerns. I predict passage (by at least 10 votes to 5) of the new bylaw in July in view of what might be member apathy or misunderstanding.

Our League is at a tipping point which critical League observers have seen approaching for a few years now. What is the proper response to this unhealthy trend? What say you, the members who are the most important element of our National Association for Amateur Radio? After all, it is your League, not theirs.



NCDXF DXcellence Award 2025

Craig Thompson K9CT
NCDXF Vice President

Trivoli, IL, April 16th, 2025 – In April 2021, NCDXF announced the creation of the “NCDXF DXcellence Award” – to be given to the outstanding DXpedition of the previous twelve months. The award is intended to recognize excellence in a DXpedition that received funding from NCDXF as exemplified by its practices, ethics, management, transparency, impact upon the DXing community and, lastly, exhibited FUN!

The winner of the award is determined by the NCDXF Board of Directors. The board considers several factors, including performance, complexity of the DXpedition and impact on Club Log’s most wanted ranking. Especially important are activities associated with supporting local humanitarian and educational needs.

At our annual Board of Directors Meeting at the IDXC in Visalia last weekend, we voted on this year’s award and decided that two DXpeditions deserved one. The following presentations were made:

- The **N5J** Jarvis DXpedition received the NCDXF DXcellence Award at the IDXC Banquet for their successful 100% RIB operation on Jarvis Island.
- The **3D2Y** Rotuma youth DXpedition received the NCDXF DXcellence Award at the IDXC DX Forum. Their support of youth with a host of youth remote operators was very impressive.

The NCDXF looks forward to DXpeditions this year that may qualify for the next award in 2026. We are hopeful that many DXpeditions will be funded by NCDXF and qualify for this award.



NexGen RiB2

Craig Thompson K9CT
NCDXF Vice President

Trivoli, IL, April 15th, 2025 – NCDXF is pleased to announce that we have been investing in the Rig in a Box, RIB for some time. George, AA7JV has led this with the first iteration and constant evolution of technology as he travels around the world firing up several DXCC entities. N5J on Jarvis was the latest successful implementation and the next DXpedition will be the St Peter and Paul Rocks this autumn.

Gregg, W6IZT, has stepped up with his version using the Elecraft radios called the NexGenRiB2. After his proposal to NCDXF, we have funded this project. This first use will be the PJ6Y DXpedition.

The NextGenRiB2, which are fully pre-assembled stations, are available from the NCDXF to any qualified DXpedition. These RIBs streamline station setup, ensuring a faster and hassle-free experience, and significantly enhance the success of DXpeditions. To inquire about using the NextGenRiB2s for your upcoming DXpedition, please contact the NCDXF.

The mission of NCDXF is to provide necessary financial support for well-organized DXpeditions to desirable DXCC entities and to support advances in DXpeditioning skills, technology, and infrastructure. Those funds come from the contributions of our supporters in the DX community. Your contribution will help make DX happen. Visit our website: www.ncdxf.org.



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listings by adding contact information and social media links. All clubs, regardless of affiliation, will be eligible to have their information listed on our website, as long as they have a meeting space where we can place their pin on the map. We hope to launch this on our website soon.

Supporting Hamfests

We’re excited to announce that NARA can now provide awarded memberships to hamfests and events seeking donations for their raffles. It’s a great way to support local events while introducing more operators to the benefits of being part of NARA. If your organization is hosting an event and would like to request donated memberships to include in their raffles, please reach out to us!

Final thoughts

If you’re as excited as we are about what NARA is doing and want to make an impact, we’re looking for volunteers to step up, lead committees, and help spread the word about our efforts. Your involvement can make a huge difference in moving these initiatives forward and creating lasting change in the amateur radio community. Whether it’s chairing a committee, helping us collect resources and data, or assisting with membership and awards management, every bit of support helps us grow. If you’d like to get involved, please reach out to us at cq@usnara.org — we’d love to hear from you!

For those with complimentary memberships, I hope that over the next few months you’ll see the progress we’re making and consider staying with us by upgrading to a paid membership. Your support strengthens the alliance and helps us continue building on these initiatives.

For those who have already signed up as full members, we are deeply grateful for your faith and confidence in us. Your financial support directly assists with essential operating and administrative expenses, including corporate formation, Google Workspace, and various software systems.

I am continually inspired and encouraged by the conversations I have with our members. Together, we are building something new and exciting — and the momentum is only growing. But the work doesn’t stop here — this is just the beginning. There’s so much more to accomplish, and we need all hands on deck to make it happen.

I truly believe in the power of our community and the impact we can have on the future of amateur radio. Whether you’re contributing time, financial support, ideas, or simply helping spread the word (like forwarding this email to your friends), your involvement is invaluable.

Thank you again for your continued support and for being part of this journey. I look forward to all the great things we’ll achieve together.

68th Annual Breezeshooter's Hamfest

Sunday, June 8th, 2025

Butler Farm Show Grounds

625 Evans City Road, Butler, PA 16001

8:00 AM—2:00 PM

More Information at breezeshooters.org/ns/hamfest

Or email hamfest@breezeshooters.org



UNIONTOWN ARC 75TH ANNUAL GABFEST

Saturday, August 9th, 2025, 8:00 AM—???

Vendor Setup prior to 8:00 AM

Uniontown ARC W3PIE Clubhouse

433 Old Pittsburgh Road, Uniontown, PA 15401

Talk-in on 147.045 PL 131.8

More Information at <http://www.w3pie.org>



2025 SKYVIEW SWAP 'N' SHOP

Sunday, August 24th, 2025, 8:00 AM—1:00 PM

Vendor Setup prior to 8:00 AM

Skyview Radio Society K3MJW Clubhouse

2335 Turkey Ridge Road, New Kensington, PA 15068

Talk-in on 146.64 PL 131.8

More Information at <http://www.skyviewradio.net>



Butler County ARA Swapfest 2025

Sunday, September 7th, 2025, 8:00 AM—1:00 PM

Grounds Open at 6 AM for Vendors & Tailgaters

Unionville Volunteer Fire Department

102 Mahood Road (at Route 8 North), Butler, PA 16001

Talk-in on 147.360 PL 131.8 Admission \$5

More Information at <http://www.w3udx.org>



DX News Briefs & Announcements



The QSL Manager for **KP2M** is now **KU9C**, taking over from **NZ4DX**. **KP2HC** passes on their "deepest thanks" to Fred for the "great service provided us" over the years.

OE6CUD is traveling on vacation through Ireland and Northern Ireland through the end of July. He will be QRV as **EI/OE6CUD/p** and **EI/OE6CUD/p**. QSL via **OE6CUD**

KH7/KH7AL is again QRV from Wake Island, after returning from a short vacation home. He seems to be most active on 10 M SSB from 1930 – 2359, and 12 M SSB 0700-0900, on selected days based on his time off from his work schedule.

VQ5Q is now QRV. This is commemorating the 100th Anniversary of **W1AQ**, the Associated Radio Amateurs of Southern New England (ARASNE), one of the oldest amateur radio clubs in the US that own's its building and property. QSL via **W2FQ** or as directed.

TX9A is now QRV through 7 May from Tubuai Island, Austral Islands (FO/A) OC-152, 160 – 6. More information at <https://austral2025.com/> QSL via **DK8ZZ**

ZS8W is now QRV through 16 May from Marion Island. Logs are being uploaded to ClubLog. More information at <https://lral.lv/> QSL via ClubLog or as directed.

3A100A is QRV through 30 June to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). QSL TBD or as directed.

PD80FREE is QRV through 30 June to celebrate 80 years of liberation after WW2, 10-40, SSB CW & Digital. QSL via **PD1RP**, although Peter indicates your QSL card is "not necessary".

VR100IARU will be QRV from May through December to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). QSL as directed.

OZ80MAY will be QRV 1 – 11 May to celebrate "Denmark Free Again", 160 – 6 including WARC and 60M, CW SSB SSTV and Digital. QSL via **OZ1ACB** and ClubLog OQRS

YS3/PY8WW will be QRV 8 – 13 May from Zacatillo Island (NA-180) 80 – 6, SSB CW & FT8/4. QSL via ClubLog OQRS only.

HR4/PY8WW will be QRV 13 – 17 May from Tigre Island (NA-060), 80 – 6, SSB CW & FT8/4. QSL via ClubLog OQRS only.

PJ4M will be QRV 16 – 29 May, holiday style, 80-10 including 60, possibly some 6, primarily FT8/4 with some SSB (no CW). QSL via **PH2M**, LotW or ClubLog OQRS.

IB0DX will be QRV 30 May – 2 June from Ventotene Island (EU-045), 160-6, CW and FT8. They will also be QRV on 6 meters as **IR0DX**. QSL both calls via **IK8VRH**.

XL7IARU will be QRV 1 – 30 June to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), primarily on FT8 with some SSB and CW. QSL via **VA7QB**.

TM160ITU will be QRV 17-31 June to celebrate the 160th anniversary of the ITU. QSL will automatically be uploaded to LotW and eQSL.

JD1BQP will be QRV from Ogasawra 13 – 15 June, primarily 6 meters with "some" 20/10 m, SSB and FT8/FT4. QSL via **JP11HD** direct, no bureau

I2YSB and the Italian DXpedition Team have **cancelled** their planned operation from Kosovo as **Z68TT** and **Z68ZZ** 25 June – 10 July. No specific reason was given.

SM7JNT will be QRV from Senoren Island EU-138 during the RSGB IOTA contest, 26 – 27 July. QSL via ClubLog OQRS.

T88GF and **T88XD** will be QRV 18 – 22 August from Koror Island (OC-009), 80 – 10, SSB and FT8 with some CW. WSL via **JH6GFY** and **JK6DXD** or as directed.

V6D will be QRV 22 September to 6 October, from Chuuk Island (OC-011), 160 – 6, CW SSB RTTY FT8. More information at <https://v6d.mydx.de>. QSL via **DL4VSA** or ClubLog OQRS.

EJ1K will be QRV from Great Blasket Island (EU-007) 26 – 28 September. QSL via **M0OXO** or ClubLog.

3C2MD will be QRV 30 October – 10 November, 160-6, all modes. QSL via **IK2VUC**.

9G5ZZ expects to be QRV later this, possibly during the CQ WW DX contest 29-30 November. QSL via **DL1CW**

S79/OK6RA will be QRV 29-30 November during the CQ WW DX CW contest, 10 M only. QSL via **OK6RA**

3A/MM0NDX and **3A/MM0SAJ** will be QRV starting in late December, HF, various modes, with focus on the low bands during the evening. QSL both calls via **EB7DX**.

Team SV1GA/A, April 5th, 2025 – On April 4th, 2025, ARRL has validated the January 2025 **SV1GA/A** activation of Mt. Athos.

ARRL did their due diligence and took their time to analyze our paperwork, including the amateur radio license, the diamonitirion (entry visas) and the our written, stamped and signed Mt. Athos 10-day permit for an amateur radio operation.

Also, during our stay on Mt. Athos, the local police has opened an investigation of our operation based on a complaint regarding the alleged unauthorized presence of amateur radio group in Mt. Athos. We were told to cease the operation immediately and we were invited at the local police station to give statements and to present our paperwork. The local police concluded that indeed our paperwork, including the amateur radio license, the diamonitirion (entry visas) and our written, stamped and signed Mt. Athos 10-day permit for an amateur radio operation are all in order.

The Mt. Athos police forwarded the case file to the Thessaloniki Prosecutor's Office, who found that there were no legal violations and that there was no breach of the law. As such, the case was dismissed.

All these prove beyond any doubt that our January 2025 operation was legit and is therefore valid.

We thank all the hams around the world who supported us and we are sorry for not being able to make more QSOs.

Our project for the next few weeks is to write our side of the story—a narrative that unfolds over several days of upheaval in a place of profound spirituality and awe-inspiring history. This extraordinary location, known to the locals as **AGIO OROS**, carries a legacy as deep and sacred as its name suggests.

We will be uploading the whole **SV1GA/A** log to LotW in the next few days. In the next few days, we will also open the ClubLog OQRS for those that would like to have a paper QSL card for this activation. QSL manager: **Martti OH2BH**.

QSL Routes

3V8CB via LX1NO	OH0KA via OH3KAV
4S7KKG via DC0KK	OH100IARU via OH3JR
4Z100IARU via 4Z5MU	OK4T via OK1FIK
5A21MB via EC6DX	OK5Z via OK2ZI
5Q3W via E73Y	OK6Y via OK2PTZ
5Z4VJ via M0URX	OL800JL via OK1JL
7Q7CT via EA7FTR	OM100IARU via OM2FY
8A100IARU via N200	OR7G via ON8JJ
8Q7EF via HE9ERA	OS4K via ON6BW
9K100IARU via 9K2RA	OX3LX via OZ0J
9M6NA via JE1JKL	P19TP via PE5ENJ
A2NEW via EA7FTR	PZ5TG via DL8TG
A25LUK via ZS6LUK	PZ5TW via PY8WW
A61DD via EA7FTR	SE5T via SM5GRD
A71XX via EC6DX	SJ2W via SM2LIY
A9100IARU via EC6DX	SOL000PBH via
AM1000MM via EA3EYO	SP3PDO
AN14RDLF via EA5K	SP1000PBH via
AO25SSC via EA5J	SP3PDO
AT441 via VU2DGR	T88UW via JH7IPR
CO2QU via NA7L	TC0G via HA8LLH
CT9ABZ via S53K	TM1D via F60BD
DL60AZBL via DL5SFC	TM80M via F4WBU
EE1G via EA1URG	TX7XG via JA1XGI
EE5DMA via EA5PC	TY5FR via DL1BUG
FM8QR via F5EAN	V44KAI via W2ARP
EP4HR via IK2RZQ	V51F via DL3DXX
HB100IARU via LotW	V55Y via DK2WH
HI0DMRA via LotW	VP2VI via DJ4MX
II2S via IZ2FOS	VP6MR via DM5MR
IO4X via I4VEQ	VP6RD via DK7RD
K0E via K0AP	VU1IARU via VU2ZH
KP2M via KU9C	YL100IARU via LotW
LT1F via LU1FKR	YU100BPQ via YU7BPQ
LT3E via LU8DPM	ZC4RH via DK6S
LT4A via EA7FTR	ZF2CI via KI4SPO
LT6T via LU7HN	ZL6ANZAC via ZL1CZ
LY425KS via LY2NZ	ZY2MAR via PY2MAM

Thanks to **DL1SBF**, **KB8NW**, **NG3K**, the **DX-QSL Reflector**, **425 DX News**, **DX Coffee**, **DX World.Net**, **ICPO Bulletin** **OPDX Bulletin** and **ARRL DX Bulletin** for our **DX News** information.

Thanks also to the **ARRL DXCC Desk**, & **Bernie McClenny W3UR /The Daily DX** for confirmations & additional information.



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Has Roadway found the tower yet?



FCC News

Federal Communications Commission Public Notice

Washington, DC, April 17th, 2025 – The Federal Communications Commission announced today, in their daily digest, that they have issued a [Notice of Unlicensed Operation](#) to John T. Calhoun of Woodbridge, VA, for operating an unlicensed Amateur Radio station on "certain exclusively licensed radio frequencies" in Woodbridge.

The Notice indicates that this was based on a complaint from the Stafford County VA Sheriff's Office, concerning interference to the Stafford County P25 public safety radio communications system. Agents from the Columbia MD FCC Field Office conducted an investigation in June 2024, and determined that the signals were generated from a handheld Motorola APX7000 radio, which had been illegally programmed to operate on the County's frequencies. The Notice also alleges that the individual identified had admitted to the investigators that he had programmed the radio, was operating the radio at the time, and was attempting to gain access to the County radio system.

The individual accused was notified that he must be issued a license to operate a radio for public safety use on these frequencies, and that the FCC has no record of a license being issued to him.

The Notice gave the accused 10 days to respond regarding the operation of the device, and instructed him that the unauthorized operations must cease immediately and not resume.

It is not clear why the announcement of the Notice referred to the accused as an unlicensed Amateur Radio operator.

A similar [Notification of Harmful Interference](#) was also issued to the Luxia Craig Ranch in McKinney, TX, regarding a Class B Part 90 signal booster that was interfering with the City of McKinney's public safety communications system in the 858-859 MHz band. The interference was caused by a signal booster installed in a building at the location.

The Ranch owners were also given 10 days to respond, and also instructed to cease and not resume operations of the device.

US Amateurs by Class as of April 28th, 2025:

Novice	6,148	0.729%
Technician	420,381	49.87%
General	203,428	24.13%
Advanced	33,834	4.014%
Extra	166,963	19.81%
Club	12202	1.448%
Total	842,946	

Information courtesy of AE7Q.com, based on FCC ULS Data .

PA Amateurs by Class as of April 28th, 2025:

Novice	286	1.067%
Technician	11,894	44.38%
General	6,817	25.44%
Advanced	1,339	4.9965%
Extra	6,027	22.49%
Club	436	1.627%
Total	26,799	

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Latest Region 3 Sequential Calls, Issued as of April 28th, 2025:

Group A	AC3OR
Group B	KF3EW
Group C	(none available / all issued)
Group D	KD3BDV

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(check quarter _____)
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	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Qtr Jan-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Qtr Apr-Jun	<input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Qtr Jul-Sept	<input type="checkbox"/> 4th Qtr Oct-Dec
<input type="checkbox"/> (F1) Full Membership:	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> (F2) Full Membership < 18 or > 65 yrs of age:	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$5.00	\$2.50
<input type="checkbox"/> (A1) Associate Membership:	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$5.00	\$2.50

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Name: _____

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Signature: _____

N3RDV has requested that all membership requests and renewals include an application so that his information is up to date

Please make your check or money order payable to the club treasurer, Mark Stabryla. The Wireless Association of South Hills, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject new memberships or renewals. Please return completed membership form along with check/money order to the club treasurer or mail to:

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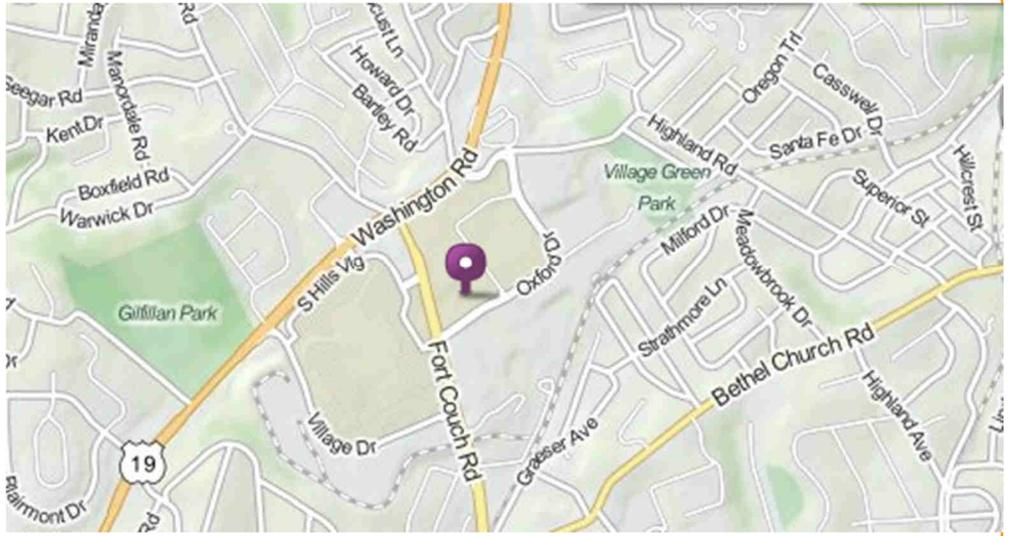
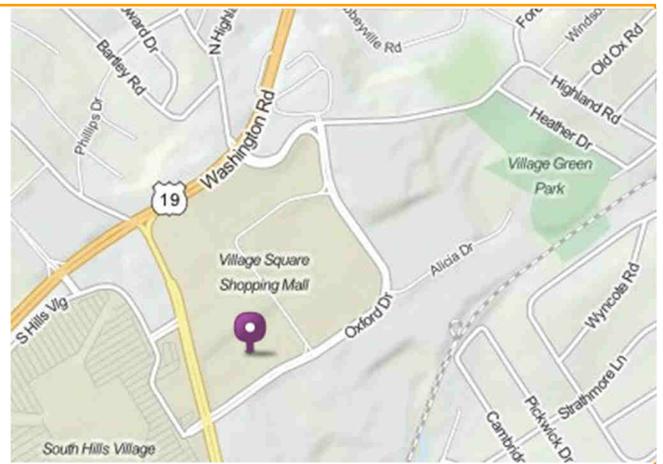


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